the State Cared to Help Racing, and Allow Betting That Would Do Little Harm, if Any. It Might Try the Pari-Mutuel System.

Copyright, 1917, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World.) HE horse racing season has opened. There is no public betting at the track. There will be sone this year. But as usual pool Pooms will run all over New York City. They always do run. Any one

"in the know" can get a bet down

at any time, without going to the Of course there is an anti-betting law, and as a law it should be ob served. But the anti-betting law never did what was intended. It cut out betting at the tracks, where few could go, except those who could afford to lose a few bets, and it put bet-

ting down in the heart of the city. where the small clerks and the little fellows can always find a place to risk their hard-earned dellars-and usually without getting a run for their money at that.

Racing is the greatest developer of horses—the only developer of thoroughbreds. It is a well known fact that the United States cavalry is the poorest mounted in the world. It has been poorly mounted for years, because the anti-racing sentiment nearly wiped out horse racing in this country, and thoroughbred horses were taken to Europe and the breeding of thoroughbreds became almost a relic of the past in America.

simost a relic of the past in America. Racing without betting is like bread without butter. Lots of people don't care for it.

without butter. Lots of people don't care for it.

I don't care to argue for or against allowing betting at race tracks. I think that fletting as it was carried on years ago was not a good thing. But if the State cared to nelp racing and allow betting that would do little harm, if any, and would allow a degree of individual free-tom that every man thinks b'mself entitled to, it might try the pari-mutast system. The bookies wouldn't like that, for it wipes out the bookie. It is the only fair way to bet on a borse race, and the only way that eliminates the evils of "plunging." France has tried it, and has found it a good thing. They have it in Cuba and in South American countries, and in Maryland, Kentucky and Canada. There's no reason, except the disinclination of the professional office holder to a'ir up the professional reformer, why we should not have it in New York State. It would be a great thing for racing, and not have it in New York State. It would be a great thing for racing and a great thing for the thoroughbred and the U. S. Army. We may not need cavalry for the trench warfare of Europe, but it is quite cohecivable that we will need cavalry for warfare under other conditions. And when we need mounted men we'll need them mightly well mounted, too

DOOR Les Darcy. I wonder how much his continual disappointments have had to do with the breaking down of his health. At present Les is in a hospital in Memphis, suffering from a severe attack of "pneumonia and complications." A short time ago he was down with rheumatism.

The troubles of Les started in New York, when Gov. Whitman discovered that he was a "slacker." The Gov-ernor prohibited his first bout, withfour producted his first bout, with-cut giving Les a chance to defend himself from the charge, which ho high have done quite easily. He was no slacker. He was simply a youngster with a family of ten people depending entirely upon him for sup-port, and he wanted to make some noney in a hurry so that he could eave them in comfort and go to the

Poor Les was up against it. Other Governors followed Whitman's example, probably because Mr. Whitman's is the Governor of a large State, and looked up to in consequence.

S o many college men have joined the colors, or are in active the colors, or are in active training for the army, that the sthistic teams in all branches of part are wiped out. Practically the entire student body of Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Dartmouth, Williams, Colgate, Brown Dartmouth, Williams, Colgate, Brown, and other Eastern coffeges have liken to military work. About a lifth of the students have actually enlisted and have left college, and all the rest are drilling nearly all day and every day.

It is a fine thing to say for our exceptional system that it has raised pairlofism to such a high standard.

TI may be, as the college coaches hay, years before our athletic sports are brought back to the standard of a year ago. I don't see of the targets. generations of students may not turn out so many great champions for a while, but iney'll get just as much while, but hely get just as much enjoyment and good, healthful exercise out of sport as last year's men. They will represent their colleges just as creditably. The spirit of sportsmanship won't suffer. Purhaps we were beginning to think a little too much about winning and breaking records, forgetting the original objects of it all. To my mind, the most stortling thing and mind, the most sporting thing a col-legs athlete can do is to offer his life to his country. Isn't that greater than to go out and run until he topples across a finish line to win a little more glory—or honor—or fame—or publicity—or whatever it is—for nis college? Beside the great sacri-fice all these smaller things sink back into the perspective and we can see them for what they are-soya play.

Don't worry about the future of athletics. In time we'll be sending better teams than ever before to the Olympic games. And the world will be looking at them with greater reect than in the past,

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TO-DAY---AND---YESTERDAY



## TAGGING ALL THE BASES

"Manager Callahan Denies the Ringling Brothers Have Made Him an Offer for His Pitching Staff"-"A Lot of Pennants Have Been Won in Cincinnati, but Not by Cincinnati."

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LTHOUGH the Fed League Park is as empty as the crown of Russia, no complaint is being heard from the Cubs and White Sox. A fan needs both a ticket and a shoe horn to get himself into

PITTSBURGH

One more benting and Al Mamaux will be able to sew a button on thimble and wear it for a cap.

Hans Wagner looked something like cod liver oil tastes. He was as graceful as a smoked herring. But the Vernon Castles who are trying to fill his shoes could use them as a dencing pavilion.

Manager Callahan denies that Ringling Brothers have made him an offer for his pitching staff.

Owing to the Reds' magnificent showing there are at least 50,000 more American League fans in this burg.

A lot of pennants have been won in Cincinnati, but none by Cincinnati.

PHILADELPHIA

Connie Mack is figuring out the why and whoozis of the Athletics' shabby showing and admits that even Willie Hoppe couldn't click off points with billiard balls shaped like lemons.

Playing baseball with only one baseball is easy for the A's infield Those boys could juggle six at a time.

Giants' games transferred to Boston.

for enjoyment after the third inning.

Joe Boehling attributes his success to the fact that he first played in the Blue Ridge Mountains. He got his speed keeping one jump ahead of the guys who had bet on him.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE ATTENDANCE IS VERY GOOD

WASHINGTON

Skull practice is being held daily. Judging from the results the boys must be checking their skulls at the door with their bats. Walter Johnson's contract calls for him to wear a Washington uniform

turing 1917, and Walter is carrying out the contract faithfully.

Some capitalist wanted to buy the ticket scalping privileges for this fall, but Griff tossed the dime back in his face.

NEW YORK.

Coney Island hot sausages have gone up to ten cents. There has been a rush of slackers to take out dog itcenses.

he bull at his butters' heads if they will inform him of the exact location

on a Swiss clock.

problem as to whether the correct method of eating the meringue on pie is with a spoon or with a sponge.

Brooklyn's recent spurt now makes the National League race as

ST. LOOEY.

The home teams' showing would be much better if the courts hadn't decided that pop bottles were illegal competition.

Some folks claim Miller Huggins shouldn't get credit because he didn't build up the Cards, but inherited them. Woolworth didn't invent the nickel, but he was the guy that made 'em famous.

If the Tigers get much better the management is thinking about

The season is backward. It is almost June and Ty Cobb hasn't got an infield home run yet.

The Tigers passed a couple of teams last week, but it was on the Eric.

### Stromboli, Belmont's Star, Is Real Race Horse Now, Says Trainer Sam Hildreth

fully in Appearance.

By Vincent Treanor.

the Kings County Handicap at Jamaica. What Hildreth said is true,
Stromboli looks like a race horse today, instead of the long, scrawny
horse he was last season, when he ran
very creditably on the sheer courage
that only thoroughbrais powers. the Kings County Handicap at Jathat only thoroughbreds possess.

clusion that Strombolt was the best horse in this particular race. The Belmont horse certainly had none the best of it as the race was run. He

had to evercome some difficulties of his own and Jimmy Butwell had to use all the skill he possesses to steer his way clear to a contending position on the backstretch. Once there Stromboll die his part like any worthy Stromboll die his part like any worthy son of Fair Play should and came ou to a victory that was free from flukes. It will, however, remain for another meeting of the handicap stars to prove Stromboll's real worth and the season is very young. But in his present condition and at a fair weight arrangement, Stromboll will hold his

own with the best of them.

James Butler is a real sport. He wanted to win the Kings County handicap with Spur, and he thought his chances second to none. Spur, stripped in the paddock, looked equal to do anything in a racing way. Mr. Coney Island but sausages have gone up to ten cents. There has been us of sinchers to take out dog licenses.

Manager Robinson will be indebted to the pitchers who are aiming buil at his batters' heads if they will inform him of the exact location the targets.

The Giants' showing has been just as in-and-out as the cuckee on a Swies clock.

The Tanks' wonderful showing still fails to solve the world old when as to whather the correct method of eating the meringue on leman.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

No Games Scheduler

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Chicago at Philadolphic

Pittsburgh at New York.

ist, Louis at Breoklyn.

Kings County Handicap Win-ner Has Improved Wonder-New York merchant.

Fo o' the Morning lent a human interest touch to the five and a half
furious dash on Saturday which had
the crowd on its toes. No other two
mont's Stromboll, taking and he was
replying to the congratulations of
Schuyier Parsons after Stromboll won
the Kings County Handicap at Jadoing. Tommy used everything in

The Phila are in third place because Alexander is pulling them up, and Alex is in third place because the Phila are dragging him dots like a healthy person does after overcoming a series of physical set-backs. The ban on boxing in New York may cause Stailings to have the antity growing and the person of the series of the s

The news that England had yielded of horse racing, and the announce-ment that those great classics, the Derby and Oaks, would be decided at Newmarket on May 30 and June 1. at Newmarket on May 30 and June 1, respectively, was welcomed by those interested in the sport in this country. especially by the members of The Jockey Club, without whose encouragement the turf would be little but a name in the United States to-day.

As Chairman of the governing body of racing in this country, what August Belmont has to say in connection with England's change of policy has particular force. The conclusion of the British authorities that it is best to continue the test of racing is gratifying," and Mr. Belmont, "and the lesson it conveys should be far reaching. It indicates that sport does not enter into the matter at all.

"How do I regard the outlook for the "Thom as his manager, Jun Buckley, to-day in the search of the matter at all."

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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New York at Detroit

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RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.

GAMES TO-DAY.

#### Christy Mathewson,

**BIG LEAGUE GOSSIP** 

Former Star of Giants and Manager of Cincinnati Reds.

Studying How to Fool Batters Is a Real Tough Job-Matty Tells Few of His Experiences While With the Giants.

trol, because if you don't carry control you can't put the ball where you want it; but there have been some instances lately where a wirder forgot what to serve them up—something any pitcher is liable to do, and something I did myself often in my younger days when I had a lot of stuff. A man does more pitching and less thinking when he's young—both in baseball and in life—and he often doesn't realize a base on balls it and his brother Tommy struggling through the stretch on Ormesdale and Top o' the Morning lent a human interest touch to the five and a ball furious dash on Saturday which had the crowd on its toes. No other two riders could fight it out as these two brothers did. Once Johnny younger days because drunken sallors are about as searce as German I here of touch to the five and a ball furious dash on Saturday which had the crowd on its toes. No other two riders could fight it out as these two brothers did. Once Johnny you well, and most of the rest of the older systems and honge it is touch to the five and a ball furious dash on Saturday which had the crowd on its toes. No other two riders could fight it out as these two brothers did. Once Johnny you well, and most of the rest of the older systems and his brother flow on the last system in the league, because I was working along there for some time.

The spectacle of Johnny McTaggart and his brother Tommy struggling through the stretch on Ormesdale and I like a drunken sallor—as base on balls in the spectacle of Johnny with a best touch to the five and a ball further of the league, because drunken sallors are about as searce as German I leave to the handle and low, the pitcher has six ohances to one he won't come through with a belt. Any man who cannot fit it as hard.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

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Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

# league baseball series between the International League and the American Association was left to the latter organization at a meeting of International club owners and managers. President E. G. Barrow of the International League said after the meeting his organization stood ready to carry out its agreement, but that it would not contest the decision if the American Association voted to call off the series. President Barrow last hight telegraphed to President Hickey of the American Association a statement of the International's position. Earlier in the day President Hickey had sent word that an American Association meeting would be called in Chicago to-day to decide the interlegue series question.

AN you tell your pitchers much about the hitters in the league—especially about the last few years. I had to. Take Robertson of the Giants, who will the Giant batters? a friend asked me while I was in New York.

"I can tell them, but it's hard making them believe it sometimes," I answered.

Of course, the first essential in successfully working batters is control you can't put the ball where you want it; but there have been some instances lately where a twicler forgot what to serve them up—some.

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GAMES TO-DAY.

This Radical Action Will Take Effect in Championship Tourney at Midlothian.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Stymies in golf play are abolished by a revolutionary rule promulgated by the Western Golf Association to-day for play in the Western amateur championship, to be held at the Midothian Country Club, Chicago, July 3 to 14. The new rule, which does away, so far as three-fourths of the United States and all of Canada are con-

States and all of Canada are con-cerned, with one of the most dis-cussed penalties of golf, also elimi-

lifting balls on the putting greens in medal play.

The new rule upsets one of the cardinal rules of the ancient Scottish game by providing that the ball nearest the hole shall be played first when both balls are on the putting green. Heretofore the ball farthest from the hole had to be played first in match play, where the contest is hole by hole, the old rule brought about a stymic when the ball nearest the hole was in the direct line of play of the ball farthest from the dup.

In medal play the old rule demanded that the ball nearest the hole be played or lifted until the one played, if the first player desired, as he would suffer a penalty of one stroke if his ball hit the ball of his relief to the played of the ball hit the ball of his relief to the same would suffer a penalty of one stroke if his ball hit the ball of his relief to the same played.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

MAKES DECISION TO-DAY.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11.-Decision

as to whether there shall be an inter-league baseball series between the In-

Richmond at Montreal. Providence at Sochester Bultimore at Bufful

champion, will again be seen in action in these parts on Saturday night at the Stromboli is a smooth coated, well Sam Hildreth showed the most typfilled race horse now. There are no
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local local many a day where the parts on Saturday night at the
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The news that England had yielded do to the public appeal for a continuance of horse racing, and the appearance of loved the fit. Paul star, at the recogning of the St. Nishelas Rink on Thursday night, Jimmy Johnston, manager of Lewis, easy the Lewis-Brit-ton bout was attended by the largest crowd that

in the other Allie Nack of this city will take or Johnny Laudig, who was a promising figurer to

Prankle Burns, the Jersey Fitz amastional ban-tannweight, who has wen friero botts in amous-sion since Oct. 25, last year, will der the mitta-again te-might. He will face Al Shubert, the good sittle heartmaneight of New Bedfuct, Mass, for twelve rounds to a decision at the Byan A. C. of New Haven Count. Blutte is to receive a guarantee of \$500, with an ordain of accepting 20 per cent, of the gress receives.

The Broadway S. C. of Brooklyn will be the scelle of a good middleweight scrap to-morrow eight. The battlers who will formals this go are Mile O'Done of St. Paul and Silent Marke, the leaf mine fighter. Both men are entious to win, as John Weissmantol to trying hard to got fill-loun to meet the victor.

Jimms Firm of Loop laland this and Young One, the best buses, are no edge for their best at the Toriville B. C. to-might. Both men will probably put up a hard battle, as they are in good condition. In the sentifical Frankle Neil, the California flywingle, will most lakely Finne-gan.

of Bon-Opto to Make Weak Eyes Strong---According to Dr. Lewis

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Victims of eye strain and other eye seaktheeses and those who wear gleases will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope and help for them. Many whose eyes were falling any they have had their eyes restored by this remarkable prescription, and many who once wore glasses say they have thrown their away. One man says, after using it: "I was almost blind. Could not see to read a all. Now I can read everything without my glasses and my eyes do not hurt any more. At night they would pain dreadfully. Now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miradle to me." A lady who used it says: "The almosphere seemed hasy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for 15 days everything seems clear. I can read even they then the same of the even worn glasses for several years, both for distance and work, and stithent them I could not read my own name on an envelope or the typewriting on the machine before ms. I can do both now and have discarded my long distance glasses altogether. I can count the futtering leaves on the trees across the street now, which for several years have looked like a din green blur to me. I cannot express my joy at what it has dene for me."

It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reason-

A Free Prescription You Can Have able time, and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their even so as to be spared the trouble and expense of even estable and other eye getting glasses. Eye troubles of many discretifications may be amounted by benefited.

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